

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of KAREN A. AZEVEDO and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,
POST OFFICE, Las Vegas, NV

*Docket No. 98-2621; Submitted on the Record;
Issued March 10, 2000*

DECISION and ORDER

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, MICHAEL E. GROOM,
A. PETER KANJORSKI:

The issue is whether appellant has established that she sustained an emotional condition while in the performance of duty.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated and finalized on July 28 1998 is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.¹

¹ To establish that she sustained an emotional condition causally related to factors of her federal employment, appellant must submit: (1) factual evidence identifying and supporting employment factors or incidents alleged to have caused or contributed to her condition; (2) rationalized medical evidence establishing that she has an emotional condition or psychiatric disorder; and (3) rationalized medical opinion evidence establishing that her emotional condition is causally related to the identified compensable employment factors; *see Kathleen D. Walker*, 42 ECAB 603 (1991). Unless a claimant establishes a compensable factor of employment, it is unnecessary to address the medical evidence of record. *Gary M. Carlo*, 47 ECAB 299, 305 (1996). Inasmuch as appellant failed to implicate any compensable factors of employment, the Office hearing representative properly denied her claim without reviewing the medical evidence of record.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated July 28, 1998 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.
March 10, 2000

George E. Rivers
Member

Michael E. Groom
Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski
Alternate Member